

# THIS WIDE WORLD.

## INTELLIGENCE FROM ALL PARTS.

### SIMPSON IS ROUTED

#### SOCKLESS JERRY FIGHTS WITH A BURLY NEGRO.

#### Crowd of Fort Scott Hoodlums Break Up a Political Meeting Which the Noted Kansan Was Addressing—Other Items.

Fort Scott, Kan.: Ex-Congressman Jerry Simpson was routed here by a crowd of hoodlums while attempting to deliver a political address in the amphitheater at the race track. A crowd of probably 200 roughs went to the meeting to create a disturbance. One of the leaders, a big negro, jumped upon the platform and when the ex-congressman attempted to push him off, the negro fought and they both went to the floor. Others then rushed in and Simpson was in danger of rough treatment until Mayor Goodlander and a crowd of professional and business men took a hand and beat off the rowdies. Several of the latter were arrested, but the mob later overpowered the police and released the prisoners. Mr. Simpson's speech was not finished. Many of the city's best people were in the audience.

#### IS SHOT TO PIECES.

#### Slayer of New Orleans Policemen Riddled with Bullets.

New Orleans: After a desperate battle lasting for several hours, in which he succeeded in killing Sergeant Gabriel Porteus and Andy Van Kuren, keeper of the police jail, and Alfred J. B. Bloomfield, a young boy, and fatally wounding Corporal John F. Lally, John Banville, ex-policeman Frank H. Evans and A. S. Lecelle, one of the leading confederates of the city, and more or less seriously several other persons, the negro desperado, Robert Charles, who killed Capt. Day and Patrolman Lamb, and badly wounded Officer Mora, was smoked out of his hiding place in the heart of the residence section of the city Friday afternoon and literally shot to pieces. The tragedy was one of the most remarkable in the history of the city, and 20,000 people, soldiers, policemen and citizens were gathered around the square in which Charles was finally put to death.

#### INDIANS FIRE HUGE FORESTS

#### When One Blaze Is Extinguished They Start Another.

Kalispel, Mont.: One of the worst forest fires ever known in northwestern Montana was raging in the Swan Lake country on the western part of the Lewis and Clark forest reserve on July 28. Gus Mosler, superintendent of the reserve, reports that the Indians deliberately set fire to the timber and are slaughtering the game. He will proceed against the perpetrators.

#### EAGLE KILLED; CHILD SAVED

#### Farmer Shoots Bird as It Was Carrying Away His Child.

Sheboygan, Wis.: As a great eagle was flying away with his baby daughter, T. Smith, a farmer of Sheboygan Falls, seized his rifle, took quick aim, and killed the bird. The bullet passed close to the child, but did not injure it. The eagle measured 6 feet and 1 1/2 inches from tip of wings. While at work Smith saw the bird fly close to his children and before he could reach them it had seized his daughter Mary, aged 3 years. The man secured the rifle and when he fired the child and bird fell to the ground, the child not being injured. The eagle was the first killed in Sheboygan County in a long time.

#### EXPLOSION RESULTS FATALITY

#### Destruction of Artificial Ice Plant in Texas Is Attended by Fatality.

Waco, Texas: The plant of the Waco Ice and Refrigerating Company, one of the largest in the south, was entirely demolished by a terrific explosion in the boiler room, which killed two and seriously injured several of the employes. The shock of the explosion was distinctly felt all over the city.

#### To Acquire More Territory.

Madrid: The cabinet is considering the proposition of the United States government for the cession of the islands of Cebu and Gagayan in consideration of an indemnity of \$100,000. The ministry regards the proposition favorably and negotiations for a treaty accord between the two governments is proceeding rapidly.

#### Hero Hobson Coming Home.

Washington: Naval Constructor Hobson, now in the hospital at Yokohama, will return to Washington as soon as he is able, and will probably be detailed for a short tour of duty in the bureau of construction and repairs.

#### Hope to Settle Labor Troubles.

Chicago: The committee appointed at the Denver conference of the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor to aid in settling the Chicago labor trouble is here. It consists of President Samuel Gompers, Vice President James Duncan and Thomas L. Kidd.

#### Against Secret Courts Martial.

Berlin: Emperor William's decree rendering the publicity of courts martial virtually illusory is severely commented upon by the liberal organs.

## DARING PLOT IS SPOILED.

### Scheme to Release Prisoners in Pennsylvania Penitentiary.

Pittsburg: One of the boldest and most systematic plans for the release of one or more prisoners from the Riverside penitentiary was thwarted last week.

The first theory advanced when the matter was discovered seemed to point to the release of Alexander Berkman, the anarchist, who is serving a 22-years' sentence for the shooting of H. C. Frick, during the big Homestead strike in 1892, but the conclusion reached by Director Muth of the Allegheny police department, is that the real object of the rescuers was to secure the freedom of the notorious real estate swindler, J. C. Boyd, who is serving a 7-years' sentence in the penitentiary for his misdeeds.

The plan by which the rescuers hoped to reach the inside of the penitentiary wall was by a tunnel from the cellar of a house on Sterling Street, nearly opposite one of the gates. Their work is remarkable, considering the obstacles to be overcome. Investigation showed that it was over 200 feet long, and because of its zigzag character had not reached the prison wall. One of the police officers who crawled a distance of 201 feet in the dark passage way was compelled to return before reaching its end, by reason of the foul gases arising. From this it is inferred that the tunnel had tapped a sewer. Director Muth, however, believes that the dead body of one of the tunnelers will be discovered when the tunnel is opened from the surface, as is the intention. He thinks the man was overcome by the gas and his companions, for fear of complications, fled. The men had been at work on the tunnel since last spring.

#### FOUR KILLED IN EXPLOSION

#### Combustion of Chemicals Results in Number of Casualties.

Chicago: An explosion occurred in the chemical department of the Windsor Celluloid Collar Company, on the fourth floor of 125 Dearborn Street, setting fire to the building and resulting in the death of four women.

There were twenty-five girls working in the Windsor Collar Company, when, without a moment's warning, a terrific explosion occurred, blowing the glass of the front windows clear across Dearborn Street. A sheet of flame followed instantly and the terror-stricken girls, with their clothing lit by the flames, crawled through the window to the fifteen-inch coping running along the front of the building. The coping extended eighty feet to the Liebstern Tailoring Company building, the windows of which were thronged with men shouting encouragement to the terrified girls. As soon as they reached the Liebstern window the girls were drawn into safety. Just as Mrs. McLaughlin, one of the killed, was about to be drawn through the window, the girl behind her in her haste, pushed Mrs. McLaughlin, who lost her balance and fell to the ground, dying instantly. The other three jumped from rear windows.

#### CAN'T USE "CZAR" REED.

#### No Concealment of Fact that His Services Are Not Wanted.

Chicago: Thomas B. Reed will not be invited by the Republican national committee to make any speeches in the coming campaign. If the ex-speaker breaks into the party fight at all he will have to do so on his motion or through the invitation of some club or other organization not associated with the regular campaign management. Around the Republican headquarters no concealment is made of the fact that the ex-speaker's services are not wanted.

#### To Release Military Prisoners.

San Francisco: Under instructions from the war department Gen. Shafter has appointed a board of officers which is ordered to meet at Alacraiz Island to examine all general prisoners in confinement at that station and to submit recommendations looking to the release of such prisoners as deserve clemency. There are about 500 military prisoners on the island, many of them, it is said, having been convicted of trivial offenses.

#### Inglorious End of Brilliant Career

Wichita: Herbert B. Stimpson, a lawyer and prominent criminologist of this city, committed suicide. He shot himself in the head. He had just been arrested charged with embezzlement of \$625 given him by a client to quiet a title to real estate. He had been decorated by King Umberto of Italy for scientific works. He won the cross of the Legion of Honor by blowing up the gates of Dahomey.

#### Assassination Plot Frustrated.

San Domingo: A plot to assassinate Gov. Ramon Cacerons has been discovered and twenty-five conspirators have been imprisoned. Several military officers are involved. The accused will be tried by court-martial. President Jimenez is visiting the interior. The country generally is quiet.

#### Lizard Causes Death.

Philadelphia: Some time ago, Miss Anna Jones of Meyers Hook, Pa., accidentally swallowed a lizard while drinking water. Frequently the reptile climbed up in her throat, but had successfully resisted all attempts at ejection. The other night, after complaining of a choking sensation, she suddenly expired.

#### Peru Is for Gold.

Washington: Mr. Roberts, director of the mint, has been advised by the United States minister to Peru that the latter country adopted the single gold standard and has issued a gold coin known as the libra or Peruvian pound, being identical in weight and fineness with the English pound sterling.

#### Silent Now Forever.

Lancaster, Pa.: Miss Susan H. Landis of Ephrata, who recovered her speech a week ago after a silence of nearly six years, is dead. In January, 1894, she lost her power of speech and the efforts of physicians failed to restore it.

#### Waterpout in Kansas.

Solomon, Kan.: A waterpout flooded the town July 25, over six inches of water falling. Cellars and lower floors were flooded and railroad culverts were washed out.

## MOB'S DEADLY WORK.

### Two Persons Killed and Many Injured in New Orleans.

New Orleans: Two negroes dead, two fatally shot and twelve men seriously wounded is the known result of the desperate work of mobs in this city Wednesday night and Thursday morning. Three of the wounded are white men, who were hit by stray bullets.

Public excitement here reached its highest tension and armed mobs are searching various parts of the city in an effort to apprehend Robert Charles, the negro who shot and killed Police Captain Day and Patrolman Lamb at an early hour Tuesday morning.

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#### GERONIMO IS MAD.

#### Mind of Old Chief Gives Way After Fourteen Years' Confinement.

Vinita, I. T.: After a long period of confinement, which he endured more like an infuriated beast than like a human being, Geronimo, one of the most bloodthirsty Indians that ever figured in history, has gone stark mad. He is a prisoner at Fort Sill, O. T.

It cost the government \$1,000,000 and 100 lives before he was safe behind iron bars. Deprived of his liberty as a punishment for his crimes, he could not stand the confinement. For fourteen years he has been a prisoner of war, the last ten at Fort Sill. For almost half a century he led a band of bloodthirsty Apaches on the path of war. To the early settlers of the southwest he was a terror. In March, 1886, after four years of constant chase, Gen. Miles and Gen. Lawton cornered Geronimo in the Four Peaks basin, near Prescott, A. T. After months of starvation and after all hope of cutting their way through the cordon of troops surrounding them had gone, the Indians raised the white flag and surrendered.

#### PLACE FOR H. CLAY EVANS.

#### Will Probably Be Named to Succeed Perry S. Heath.

Washington: It is reported with some degree of probability that the vacancy in the position of first assistant postmaster general, caused by the resignation of Perry S. Heath, is to be filled by the appointment of Henry Clay Evans, pension commissioner, to that place. This is said to have been decided upon in accordance with the president's wish to gratify the soldier element and the G. A. R. especially, who have criticized Mr. Evans' policy of strict construction in administering the business of the pension office. The commissioner's enemies have made his present position so uncomfortable that it is believed he would be glad to be relieved of the strain. He is thoroughly conversant with the duties of the first assistant postmaster general, as he held that office in the Harrison administration.

#### For a Constitutional Convention.

Havana: The decree calling a constitutional convention and providing for the election of delegates was promulgated last week Thursday. The elections will be held on the third Saturday in September and the convention will meet in Havana on the first Monday in November. The convention, according to the terms of the decree, is called in conformity with the spirit of the joint resolution of congress and a part of its duty will be to agree on the relations that are to exist between the government of the United States and the government of Cuba.

## MARKET QUOTATIONS.

St. Louis—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.75@5.50; hogs, \$7.12@7.50; sheep, \$2.25@3.25; butter, 69c; corn, 33@35c; oats, 22@23c; wheat, daily 15@18, creamery, 19@22.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$5.40; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.35; wheat, No. 2 red, 77c to 79c; corn, No. 2, 23c to 24c; oats, No. 2, 22c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 52c to 53c; butter, choice creamery, 17c to 19c; eggs, fresh, 9c to 12c; potatoes, 28c to 34c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, choice light, \$5.00 to \$5.30; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 77c to 78c; corn, No. 2 white, 33c to 40c; oats, No. 2 white, 25c to 26c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.40; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 37c to 38c; oats, No. 2, 22c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 54c to 55c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.40; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 78c to 79c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 44c to 45c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 26c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 60c to 61c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, 80c to 81c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 42c to 43c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 29c; rye, 58c to 59c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 79c to 80c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 41c to 42c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 23c to 24c; rye, No. 2, 54c to 55c; clover seed, prime, \$5.05 to \$5.00.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, 75c to 76c; corn, No. 3, 40c to 41c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 28c; rye, No. 1, 58c to 59c; barley, No. 2, 46c to 47c; pork, mess, \$11.00 to \$11.60.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, fair to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.25 to \$4.75; lambs, common to extra, \$3.50 to \$6.00.

New York—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$5.55; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 81c to 82c; corn, No. 2, 44c to 46c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 30c; butter, creamery, 17c to 20c; eggs, west-ern, 15c to 17c.

## STATE OF NEBRASKA

### NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

#### Auditor Cornell Decides Not to Shut Out Illinois Fraternal Insurance Associations and Issues Licenses to Nine from that State.

Auditor Cornell, insurance commissioner of Nebraska, has issued licenses to nine Illinois fraternal insurance companies that had been withheld by him pending a decision as to whether he should shut out all Illinois companies in retaliation for adverse decisions by the Illinois insurance commissioner against Nebraska companies. Not having power under the state reciprocal insurance law to shut out companies, Auditor Cornell decided not to enter into a warfare. The Modern Woodmen of America, one of the Illinois companies, had prepared to test the auditor's right to refuse a license. The companies interested wrote risks in Nebraska last year amounting to \$16,842,500.

#### TO ENFORCE THE GAME LAWS

#### Attention of the Nebraska Sheriffs Called to Reported Violations.

Gov. Poynter has addressed the following communication to the ninety county sheriffs of the state, calling attention to their duty to prosecute violations of the state game laws:

"Executive Chamber, Lincoln—Dear Sir: My attention has been called to frequent violations of the game laws of the state in the killing of young chickens before the opening of the season. The law makes it your duty, under severe penalties, to prosecute all such violations. These prosecutions are made binding upon yourself, your deputy or deputies, the county attorney or any constable or peace officer in your county. I would refer you to the game laws, section 88, and direct that you enforce its provisions within your jurisdiction."

W. A. POYNTER, Governor.

The law cited by the governor provides a penalty of \$5 for every ruffed grouse or pheasant, pinnated quail, prairie chicken, sharp-tailed, dusky or other species of quail, quail between January 1 and September 1. A similar penalty is provided for killing quail between January 1 and September 1, and for killing wild ducks or geese between May 1 and September 1.

#### WOMAN SHOTS HER CHILD.

#### Schuyler Girl May Die from Wounds Inflicted by Mother.

Fannie Gadsden, wife of James Gadsden of Schuyler, shot her 11-year-old daughter, Alice, inflicting wounds, one of which is of a very serious nature, having passed through the body at the waist line; the second shot struck in front on about the same line, passed around under the skin to the back and out.

Mrs. Gadsden has been mentally afflicted several years, inhaling such a mental state, and is reported to have had on many occasions designs not only against the lives of her children, Alice and Burgess, but herself and husband as well. After shooting Alice, she placed the pistol's muzzle in her mouth as if to end her own existence, but a sudden change prevented her suicide. It is doubtful if Alice will recover. Mrs. Gadsden was but a few days home from a sanitarium.

#### Safe Burglars Overhauled.

Sheriff Armstrong has arrested the two men who are believed to have robbed the safe in Tierney's drug store at Ansley. The robbers were discovered in attempting to rob Shepard's safe after they had gone through Tierney's, and before their arrest was accomplished they had fled, but with the officer in pursuit. The thieves were captured, while asleep in a brush thicket in Buffalo County, ten miles southeast of Peter's bridge on the South Loup. They secured from the safe between \$200 and \$300, mostly in gold and silver. The sheriff found on their persons \$220, a bunch of skeleton keys, a small file and a razor. They gave their names as Redding and Haley.

#### Firebug at Work Again.

The incendiary, whose efforts to destroy West Point have so far been fruitless, made another attempt a day or two ago to fire the rear of a frame dwelling house occupied by a widow and her family, who were sleeping in the building at the time. The fire was extinguished without much trouble. This is the first attempt to fire a building where human beings were placed in danger, the attempts heretofore having been mostly confined to warehouses, barns, sheds and disused buildings of that character. There is no clue to the perpetrator.

#### Grasshoppers Thick at North Platte

To illustrate the number of grasshoppers infesting the county around North Platte, the following instance is a good one: A load of alfalfa hay which was brought to town had three pitchforks sticking up and each handle was covered its entire length with big yellow and black grasshoppers.

#### Barn and Stock Near Tecumseh.

The barn on the farm of William Saathoff, west of Tecumseh, together with its contents, burned to the ground during the absence from home of the family. Four horses, a quantity of grain, hay, a number of farm implements, several sets of harness and other farm equipment were lost.

#### Elevator Fire at McCook.

The P. H. Easterday & Co. elevator in McCook was entirely destroyed by fire. The loss on building is \$2,500. There was about \$1,000 worth of grain in the elevator at the time. The fire is thought to have originated from a spark from a passing engine.

#### City May Own Its Lights.

The city council of Columbus is just now agitating the question of purchasing the electric light plant and operating it in the interests of the city. If the deal is consummated it would give the city an all night circuit.

In order to handle the large amount of grain that he received P. I. Smith of St. Edward has been compelled to build an addition to his already large elevator.

#### Callaway Racket Store.

The building known as the Racket Store at Callaway was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$10,000. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp. The Kearney fire department was all ready to go when it received word its services were not needed.

#### Ends Life with Strychnine.

Emma, the wife of C. C. Doeschler, recently married, died suddenly from poisoning at the home of her father, Claus Hennings, south of Wisner. Strychnine poisoning with suicidal intent was the verdict of the coroner's jury.

## DRIVEN FROM THE COUNTRY

### Citizens of Lyons Duck an Ugly Husband in a Creek.

Andrew Adams, a carpenter by trade, was taken from his home at Lyons by a number of persons supposed to be his neighbors, and after tying him with ropes, carried him bodily to the banks of Logan Creek, some distance away. When the crowd arrived at the creek bank Adams was told of the many warnings sent him by the marshal, and also by other persons, not seen fit to do so the citizens of Lyons had decided to give him a dose of his own medicine. He was thrown into the creek with his clothes, but was fished out before much harm could happen him, and was let go with the understanding that he leave the country. Adams, who is also an old soldier, draws a good pension from the government, of which very little goes to the support of his deserving family. Adams at one time lived at Pender. It is reported he was compelled to leave there under similar circumstances. Adams' chastisement meets with general approval.

#### TO BAR IT FROM BALLOT.

#### Populist Chairman Protests Against Mid-Road Ticket.

Chairman Edmisten, of the Populist state committee, has filed with the secretary of state a protest against permitting the mid-road Populist state ticket to go on the official ballot under the designation of "Populist." The previous designation of the Populists has been the People's Independent Party, but Chairman Edmisten avers that the name Populist belongs to the People's Independent Party, and its use by another party will tend to confuse the voters. This, he alleges in his protest, would be contrary to the spirit of the Nebraska election laws. The mid-roads have not yet filed the certificates of nomination of their ticket. The secretary of state is a fusion Populist and the mid-road leaders have announced their intention of taking an appeal to the courts if the secretary's ruling is unfavorable to their application.

#### MILLHAND'S FRIGHTFUL FATE

#### Caught by a Swiftly Turning Shaft and Beaten to Death.

W. L. Edwards, an employe of the Rumsey Milling Company at Tecumseh, met death in a frightful manner. He was engaged in working about the driving machinery of the mill in the basement. The main shaft, running at the rate of 134 revolutions a minute, runs through this basement. In some unaccountable manner Mr. Edwards' left arm was caught in this rapidly revolving rod. In an instant his arm was wound around the shaft to his shoulder and his body sent hurtling through the air, pinioned to the same. His feet were pounded off and his legs whipped into threads. He was whipped about in this way for nearly three minutes before the machinery could be stopped. He was taken to his home, where he lived for nearly two hours, regaining consciousness for a moment only.

#### Bank Cashier Goes Wrong.

A deputy United States marshal arrested Charles E. Cotton, cashier of the First National Bank of Syracuse, who is alleged to be short \$4,700. Cotton was taken before a United States commissioner and gave bonds for his appearance at trial and was released. Cotton has been investing money in Colorado mining property. A bank examiner recently found him short, and Cotton turned over his property to make the bank whole. The arrest is said to have been made in order to force settlement. The shortage is larger than the amount named.

#### Lincoln's New Library.

In architectural beauty the Carnegie library building, plans for which were accepted by the Lincoln city library board recently, will surpass any structure in the city. The plans contemplate a building after the French renaissance or new Greek style. The main portion of the building will be rectangular in shape, size 68 by 104 feet, with a 24 by 41 foot projection from the rear. Work on the structure will begin as soon as working plans can be prepared by the architect.

#### Panic Among Guests.

An early morning fire in a store room in the Millard Hotel at Omaha caused a panic among the guests. Several firemen were injured. While the corridors were filled with smoke the guests rushed from their rooms in night dress. Several women faints and were carried out by hotel employes. Wm. Barnmaster and Wm. White, two firemen, were badly cut by a falling plate glass window. The cause of the fire was a gasoline explosion. The loss is less than \$2,000.

#### Soldier Dies on Way Home.

George Mostin of Plattsburgh, who enlisted in Company C, Thirty-ninth Regiment, and went to the Spanish-American war, was taken sick while on his way home from Manila and died on shipboard. The body was forwarded home from San Francisco.

#### Nebraska Short Notes.

Fullerton is extending its waterworks system.

Nellie young women are organizing a brass band.

Gretta Methodists are preparing to erect a new church.

The material is on the ground for a new depot at Monroe.

Fairmont has let the contract for a large addition to the school house.

On Saturday the Rock Island distributed almost \$21,000 among the employes in Fairbury.

Lightning struck the residence of George Bowlin of Scribner for the second time within a year.

A move is on foot to detach the west three ranges of Cherry County and attach them to Sheridan.

The North Platte district holds a camp meeting each year at Curtis. It begins this year Aug. 1 and continues two weeks.

The little 10-year-old son of William Aldrup, east of Geneva, was in the wheat field spreading out the shocks to dry, when he was bitten twice on the leg by a rattlesnake. His father drove with him at lightning speed to Dr. George Moeze, who dressed the wound.

Friend is anxious to have a local telephone exchange.

Cuming County old settlers will have a picnic Aug. 23.

Moses Roberts of Lincoln precinct, Johnson County, has 200 head of lambs on full feed and expects to put 400 more in the feed lot within a few weeks.

There was a balance of \$1,000 in the treasury of the Beatrice Chautauqua Association after paying all claims, and the members are consequently much elated.

Lieut. Paul Beck of Bancroft has been ordered to join his regiment, the Fifth Regular Infantry, at Chicago. He started for that destination Tuesday morning.

## APPEALS FOR HELP.

### BELETED MESSAGE FROM CON-GER IS RECEIVED.

#### He Writes from Peking July 4 that a General Massacre Was Imminent—Rescued in British Legation and Shelled by Chinese.

A written message, signed Conger and dated July 4, was received at Tian-Tsin on the 21st. It was cabled to the Navy Department in Washington Tuesday by Captain Charles Thomas, commander of the Brooklyn. The Conger note says:

Been besieged two weeks in British legation. Grave danger of general massacre by Chinese soldiers, who are shelling the legation daily. Relief soon, if at all. City without government, except by Chinese army. Determined to massacre all foreigners at Peking. Entry of relief forces into city will probably be hotly contested.

A Washington correspondent, writing Wednesday, says that the letter from Minister Conger in his own handwriting, under date of July 4, reported to the State Department contains no encouragement for the officials who have been confident of the safety of the foreigners, and have accepted the message of July 18 as genuine. More than anything heretofore received this message casts a gloom over the capital. The statement that Peking was in control of imperial troops has no significance further than to indicate the helplessness of the Government at the time the letter was written.

The serious position of the foreigners as reported by Mr. Conger has aroused apprehension and revived skepticism in official circles where the developments of the last few days have had the effect of



CHINESE MINISTER WU TING FANG.

arousing hope that Chinese reports were sincere. The accuracy of the conditions reported in Mr. Conger's letter cannot be questioned and unless the Chinese Government has regained control of the imperial troops and has taken foreigners under its protection there is reason to fear the worst and question the sincerity of Chinese officials.

Li Hung Chang's prediction that the march of international forces upon Peking would result in massacre of foreigners is now accepted in connection with Mr. Conger's report as indicating purpose to prepare the world for the announcement of the death of the foreigners.

Up to Wednesday no information has been received from the Chinese legation or Chinese Government in response to President McKinley's reply to the Emperor, and no answer had been received from the second dispatch sent to Minister Conger through Minister Wu.

#### TIEN-TSIN IN HORRIBLE STATE

#### Native City Ruined and Many Bodies Lying Unburied.

Tien-Tsin advices via Shanghai say that the native city presents an appalling spectacle of war and desolation. Scarcely a dozen houses are intact on the side facing the settlements. Inside the city damage is terrific. Many of the buildings nearest the wall were literally blown to pieces.

Among the residences charred corpses are everywhere. Dogs and pigs are feeding on them. The allies are busy removing the dead. Owing to their great number, many have not yet been buried. The Chinese, it is said, have lost altogether about 11,000 since the trouble started. Most of them have been killed by Boxers and soldiers.

The streets throughout the city are strewn with all kinds of articles, and dozens of Chinese are digging in the ruins for money and other valuables. Most of the houses which are intact or little damaged display the flags of one or the other of the allied forces, the Japanese and French flags predominating.

#### BIG INCREASE IN PATENTS.

#### Five Thousand Increase in Applications Over Preceding Year.

The report of Commissioner of Patents Duell for the fiscal year ended June 30 last shows a total of 25,540 patents granted, including reissues and designs. There were 1,600 trade marks, 682 labels and 96 prints registered. Patents that expired numbered 19,988. Allowed applications forfeited for non-payment of the final fees were 4,052. Of the total of 29,815 applications received 2,293 were for designs, 90 for reissues, 1,759 for caveats, 2,105 for trade marks, 872